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8 THINGS TO KNOW

Georgia governor signs heartbeat abortion ban, joining US movement

Abortion-rights groups vowed to challenge the ban immediately.

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Georgia became the fourth U.S. state this year to outlaw abortion after a doctor can detect a fetal heartbeat, when its Republican governor on Tuesday signed a bill that an abortion-rights group vowed to challenge immediately.

Opponents called the legislation a virtual ban because fetal heartbeats can be detected as early as six weeks, before a woman may be aware she is pregnant.

Abortion foes say the bills are intended to draw legal challenges, in hopes that a case will land before the U.S. Supreme Court, where a majority of conservative judges including two appointed by Republican President Donald Trump could overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 landmark decision that established a woman's right to an abortion.

"Our job is to do what is right, not what is easy," Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp said as he signed the bill, surrounded by applauding supporters.

Kentucky, Mississippi and Ohio have enacted heartbeat laws since mid-March, and Iowa passed one last year. Courts have blocked the Iowa and Kentucky laws, and the others face legal challenges. The American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia and the Center for Reproductive Rights have vowed to sue to stop this law.

"This law is bafflingly unconstitutional," Elisabeth Smith, chief counsel for the center, said in a statement. "Bans like this have always been blocked by courts. We will be suing Georgia to make sure this law has the same fate."

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>
> Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp

Anti-abortion advocates have introduced measures in 15 states to ban the procedure as early as six weeks into a pregnancy, according to Rewire.News, a site specializing in the issue.

Georgia's Living Infants Fairness and Equality Act permits later abortions in medical emergencies. In cases of rape or incest, it requires the woman to file an official police report.

The Georgia law has also raised concerns among abortion-rights advocates about expanding "abortion deserts," described as major cities that are at least 100 miles (160 km) from an abortion provider, adding a particular hardship for poorer women.

Between Georgia and Mississippi is Alabama, where the state's House has passed a bill that would ban all abortions unless the mother's life is threatened. The state's Senate is likely to vote on it this week, raising the prospect of an extensive abortion desert in the Southeast.

"Women will have to cross state lines and likely multiple state lines in order to get the care that they need," Angeline Ti, a family medicine physician in Georgia and fellow with Physicians for Reproductive Health, said in a telephone interview. "We know that when abortion is illegal that doesn't mean it goes away. And so what this means is that the women are going to have to do more extreme things." REUTERS

Derby winner Country House out of Preakness

2 Kentucky Derby winner Country House will not run in this month's Preakness Stakes in Baltimore, Pimlico Race Course said on Tuesday, ruling out the prospect of a Triple Crown this year. Country House won the Kentucky Derby on Saturday after on-track winner Maximum Security was disqualified for interference and was expected to be in the Preakness Stakes field on May 18. The chestnut son of 2010 Preakness Stakes winner Lookin At Lucky is the first Kentucky Derby winner to miss the second leg of U.S. thoroughbred horse racing's Triple Crown since 1996, when Grindstone was found to have a knee injury and was retired. Country House was a 65-1 long- hot at the 1 1/4-mile Kentucky Derby, where he finished second on a muddy track before objections were raised, causing a delay that ultimately led to a stunning reversal. REUTERS

Multiple students hurt in Colorado school shooting

3 Multiple students were hurt on Tuesday in a shooting at a Denver-area school, the local sheriff said, and two people were taken into custody as authorities searched for a possible third suspect. Deputies from the Douglas County Sheriff's office responded to reports of a shooting at a science and technology school in the community of Highlands Ranch, 25 miles south of Denver, shortly before 2 p.m. Mountain Time, the sheriff's office said on Twitter. A sheriff's office spokeswoman said in a brief news conference that "multiple students" had been hurt and that two suspects had been arrested. She said law enforcement officers were searching for a possible third suspect. A man who called in to local KOA radio told the station that his son was in a classroom when two people armed with guns burst in and opened fire, wounding two students. REUTERS

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Philadelphia police are asking for help identifying the gunman.

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Police seek help identifying gunman who injured 2 women

Surveillance video shows a gunman open fire on a disabled car in North Philly.

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Philadelphia police have released surveillance video of a shooting that injured two women in North Philadelphia on Saturday night.

According to police, at about 11:30 p.m. on May 4, the victims were sitting in a vehicle waiting for AAA on the 3800 block of North 16th Street when two men walked past them.

"Suddenly one of the suspects produces a black handgun and fires into the back window of the vehicle then fled the area on foot and was last seen south on 16th Street from Butler Street," Philadelphia police wrote on their blog. "The victims were taken to an area hospital and treated for gunshot wounds."

The Philadelphia Police Northwest Detectives Division released a black-and-white video of the shooting on their YouTube page. The footage shows the suspect and another man walking past a car with its hazard lights flashing in the middle of the road. The two continue down the sidewalk and are out of view for about 15 seconds before the gunman can be seen sprinting up the street toward the rear of the vehicle. At this point, the suspect is seen brandishing a handgun and firing about five shots into the rear window at close range. One woman was critically injured, the other grazed by a bullet.

Philly police described the gunman as a black male with a light complexion and thin build. Officials estimate that the suspect is about 20 to 30 years of age, and has a beard and possible tattoos on the left side of his neck near the shoulder and at the top of his back closer to his neck. Surveillance footage shows the suspect was wearing a light-colored T-shirt and light-colored shorts and sneakers with reflective strips.

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Trump irks Dems as WH defies Congress on McGahn subpoena

The former counsel was advised not to comply with a congressional subpoena.

The White House on Tuesday instructed Don McGahn, its former counsel, to refuse to comply with a congressional subpoena for documents related to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Russia inquiry, intensifying a fight between President Donald Trump's administration and Democratic lawmakers.

McGahn, who left his post as White House counsel last year, was directed not to produce White House records sought in the subpoena issued by the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, according to the current White House counsel, Pat Cipollone.

It was the latest episode in an escalating fight between the Republican president and Democrats, who control the House and are seeking documents and testimony relating to various investigations ahead of the 2020 presidential election in which Trump is seeking a second four-year term.

Cipollone said in a letter to Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler that McGahn was given the documents during the investigation "with the clear understanding that the records remain subject to the control of the White House for all purposes."

Acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, a former House Republican, directed McGahn not to produce the records, the letter said.

"The White House records remain legally protected from disclosure under longstanding constitutional principles, because they implicate significant executive branch confidentiality interests and executive privilege," Cipollone wrote.

Executive privilege is a right claimed by presidents to withhold information about internal executive branch deliberations from other branches of government.

A Republican congressional aide said the White House was not asserting executive privilege over the documents and pointed to Cipollone's readiness to respond to further congressional inquiries about the records. "Conversations ... would not occur if, in fact, the White

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Former White House Counsel Don McGahn. REUTERS

House had asserted privilege here," the aide said.

Nadler had asked McGahn to produce the documents by Tuesday morning. The committee also subpoenaed McGahn to testify at a deposition. Neither committee officials nor McGahn's lawyer were immediately available to comment on whether he would do so.

"Because Mr. McGahn does not have the legal right to disclose these documents to third parties, I would ask the Committee to direct any request for such records to the White House, the appropriate legal custodian," Cipollone said.

"The White House records remain legally protected from disclosure under longstanding constitutional principles."
Pat Cipollone, White House counsel

White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders told ABC earlier she did not believe McGahn would comply with the subpoena. "I don't anticipate that that takes place," Sanders said.

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House Democrats have sought McGahn's cooperation as part of their investigation of possible corruption and obstruction of justice by Trump. Trump denies wrongdoing.

Mueller's 448-page report referred to conversations in June 2017 in which Trump called McGahn to tell him he should direct Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who was overseeing the special counsel's probe, to remove Mueller because of alleged conflicts of interest.

The report cited "McGahn's clear recollection" that the president directed him to tell Rosenstein that "Mueller has to go." McGahn did not carry out Trump's order, the report said.

Trump also tried unsuccessfully to get McGahn to dispute media reports that the president had attempted to fire Mueller, the report said. REUTERS

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GETTY IMAGES

City Uber drivers to strike over pay, benefits

Philly workers will join drivers across the country in walking out.

Uber drivers said they were planning a brief strike on Wednesday to protest what they say are unfair employment conditions.

The strike comes just before the ride-hailing company goes public, and underscores the challenge for Uber of finding a way to lower driver costs in order to become profitable and paying drivers enough to retain their services.

Uber drivers were expected to be joined by employees from other ride-hailing apps, like Lyft, for the two-hour strike on Wednesday, which was set to begin at 7 a.m. Uber expects to price its IPO on Thursday and begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange the following day.

Drivers in New York City, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Diego and Washington, D.C., were planning to participate in the strike. The New York Taxi Workers Alliance (NYTWA) said the drivers are demanding job security, livable incomes and a cap on the amount ride-hailing companies can collect from fares.

> **"Uber executives are getting rich off of our work. They should treat us with respect. We are striking to send a message that drivers will keep rising up."**
>
> Sonam Lama, NYTWA member and Uber driver

"Uber claims that we are independent contractors even though they set our rates and control our work day," Sonam Lama, a NYTWA member and Uber driver since 2015, said in a statement.

"Uber executives are getting rich off of our work. They should treat us with respect. We are striking to send a message that drivers will keep rising up," Lama said.

Uber cautioned in its IPO filing that its business would be "adversely affected" if drivers were classified as employees instead of independent contractors.

The company hopes to be valued at between $80.5 billion and $91.5 billion. Uber has yet to turn a profit. It reported a net loss for the first quarter of 2019.

"I voted to go on strike because drivers need job security," said Henry Rolands, an NYTWA member and Lyft driver.

Lyft said in an emailed statement that its drivers' hourly earnings have increased over the last two years. "Over 75 percent drive less than 10 hours a week to supplement their existing jobs. On average, drivers nationwide earn over $20 per hour," Lyft said. REUTERS

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— **Anonymous,** *Metro US reader*

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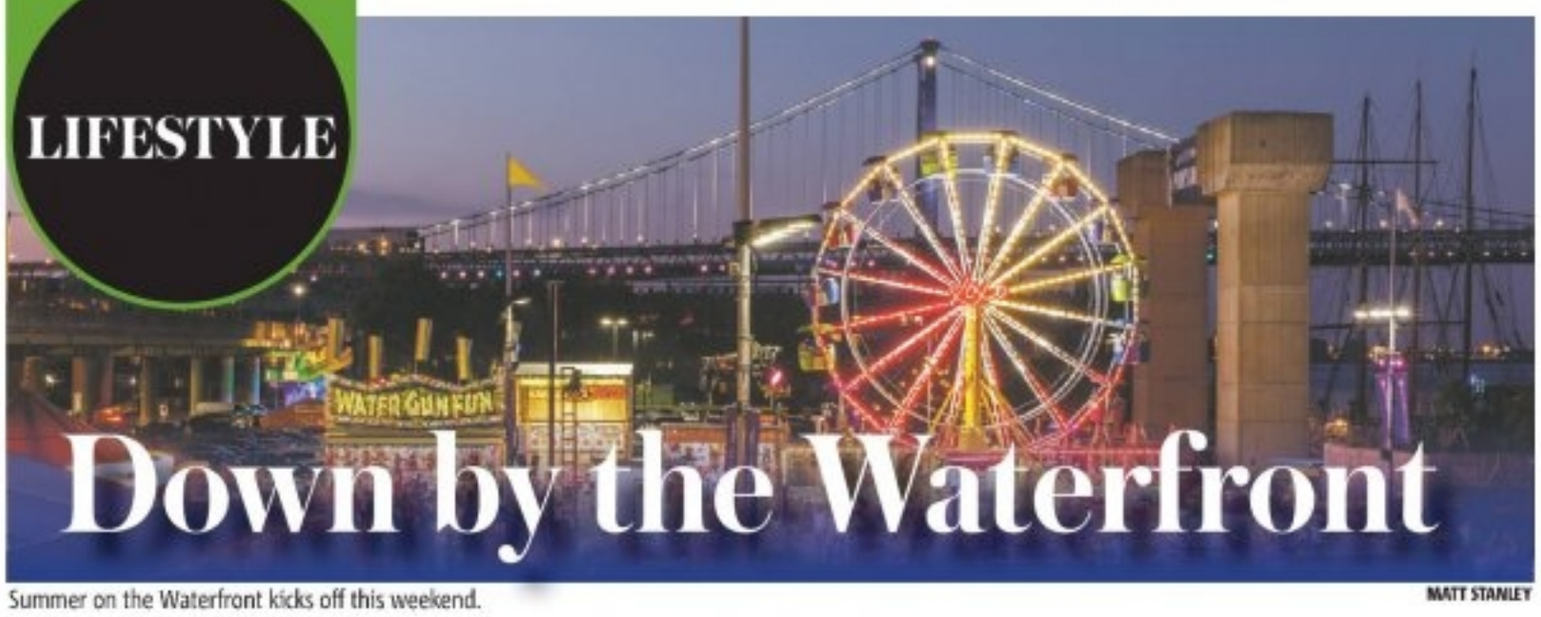

Down by the Waterfront

Summer on the Waterfront kicks off this weekend.

MATT STANLEY

Summerfest and Spruce Street Harbor Park open this weekend.

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Sweet, sweet summertime may be a few short weeks away, but Summer on the Waterfront officially opens this weekend. Opening day for both Spruce Street Harbor Park and Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest are this Friday, May 10.

The Delaware River Waterfront Corp. has been preparing for these incredible summer happenings for months, and finally, Philadelphians can indulge in the incredible outdoor atmosphere, tasty treats and unforgettable experiences both spots offer. Not only are both of these hotspots chock full of wildly fun activities, but opening weekend will feature special events, festivals and even a party.

According to the release this weekend's special programming includes the Art Star Craft Bazaar at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing; the Dream Philly Children's Festival at Cherry Street Pier; a roller skating party with Really Philly Collective at Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest; competitions, prizes, live music, DJs and more. The fun continues the following weekend (May 17-May 19) before all of the parks open seven days a week on Friday, May 24.

"Programming on the waterfront is central to DRWC's mission," says Joseph Forkin, President of DRWC in a release. "When we activate public spaces, we add value to the lives of Philadelphia residents and visitors who enjoy hundreds of events each summer, most of them free. We're proud to contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of the waterfront, the city, and the region."

Summerfest will open in full swing this weekend with the city's only outdoor roller skating rink (The Midway), a Ferris wheel, carousel, miniature golf, carnival games and Philly's very own boardwalk. Admission to Summerfest is free and open to the public, all of the incredible attractions are pay-as-you-go.

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like Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest. From mini-golf under the sun to roller skating beneath the lights of the Ben Franklin Bridge, Summerfest truly brings people together for Fearless Fit activities," said Paula Sunshine, Independence Blue Cross Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Executive in a release.

Spruce Street Harbor Park Sustained by Univest, on the other hand, is a picturesque outdoor oasis filled with color, unique designs, hammocks by the water, refreshing beverages, mouth-watering vendors and more. Some top Philly spots set up shop in this gorgeous park including Chickie's & Pete's, Franklin Fountain, Garces, HipCityVeg and much more. The park also has a boardwalk filled with plenty of themed games including skeeball, air hockey, claw crane games, Ms. Pac Man, Basket Fever and more.

Head to SSHP every Thursday this summer as well to indulge in their XPN Waterfront Sessions filled with free musical performances by a variety of acclaimed local talent, including hip hop artists, glam rockers, indie bands and other surprise guests.

Plus, if you can't make it to the beach during Memorial Day weekend this year, don't sweat it. Summer at the Waterfront will be kicking off Univestival, a three-day extravaganza full of performances, make-and-take activities, fireworks, and opportunities to win special prizes each day.

There is just so much going on this summer down by the Deleware River Waterfront, every week in the city will be an incredibly fun time. Exciting highlights include: the Philadelphia Irish Festival (June 2nd), Juneteenth Festival (June 15th), Concilio's Hispanic Fiesta (July 6th-July 7th), Islamic Heritage Festival (July 13th), ACANA African Festival (August 4th) Festival of India (August 17th), Caribbean Festival (August 18th), Blue Corn Organic and Green Festival (September 1st), Brazilian Day Philadelphia (September 8th), Mexican Independence Day (September 15th) and much more.

There will also be movie screenings under the stars, concerts, fireworks, events and activities for the whole family, shopping opportunities, yoga on the Race Street Pier, unique pop-ups and more happening throughout the summer season.

Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest and the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing will close for the season on Sunday, Sept. 1. Spruce Street Harbor Park will open seven days a week starting on Friday, May 10, and close on Sunday, Sept. 29. For a full list of activities and more information visit delawareriverwaterfront.com

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This weekend get ready to see some incredible dancing and unbelievable feats performed by some of the most talented breakers in the country. The Red Bull BC One tour is headed to the City of Brotherly Love this weekend, May 11, and everyone is invited out to join in on all of the fun.

According to the official release, The Red Bull BC One All Star Tour provides a platform for all, encouraging dancers of any level to partake in unmatched competition and unforgettable moments. With a focus on the dedicated, exciting and flourishing street dance scene across the globe, this marks the third time Red Bull BC One has held a cypher event in Philadelphia.

During the Red Bull BC One Cypher Philadelphia, dancers from all around the region will "Battle Like a Legend," all vying for a chance to represent at the World Final in Mumbai. Categories include B-Girl Cypher and B-Boy Cypher. Any local breaker who wants to enter into the competition can do so by RSVPing to the event, but when you arrive you must secure a spot during registration for the open qualifier (the event takes place at NOTO at 1209 Vine St., and runs from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.).

B-boy Knuckles, the 2013 winner of Red Bull BC One Philly sat down with Metro to chat a little more about his background in breaking and gave the scoop on what to expect from this exciting event.

How did you get your start in breaking?

I started breaking after seeing it at [a] sweet 16. Like most people, I was amazed by the athleticism and coordination of the breakers, the power moves seemed to captivate me and created a piercing interest. I went home telling myself I needed to learn those moves. After watching videos online and getting tips from locals who used to partake in the dance, I was able to teach myself a few of the moves I saw that night–windmills and flares. Word of my new found skill somehow made it back to the dancers who performed at the party maybe 3 months after, [and] the dancers that night ended up becoming my mentors. Raul and Adrian, AKA b-boys Ra-flave and Advil understood the dedication it

The region's top breakers will be at the event this weekend. MATT HENRY / @MATTHENRYVIDEO

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took to learn the moves I had and took me under their tutelage. Teaching me the basics of the dance and showing videos of past competitions completely blew my mind. I had thought it was a lost art and here they are having huge competitions all over the world. We trained at an American Legion in Vineland, N.J., where I honed my skills. Then my goal went from being the best in town to being the best in the world.

The Red Bull BC One All Star Tour starts at 11 a.m. Saturday. KIEN QUAN

What would you say to encourage breakers from Philadelphia to join in on this event?
I've learned after winning the first Philadelphia Red Bull Cypher regardless of your skill level you need to put yourself to the test against people who are better than you. Red Bull BC One Cypher will attract and is inviting some of the best people in the country. Remember, people are not only remembered for wins but for big moments. There were many times where I lost at an event but had an iconic moment to the music or had some epic battle in the top-16 round. Having moments against known b-boys or just doing well at a high caliber event like Red Bull BC One will inevitably open up opportunities in the future.

What makes the art of breaking special to you?
Breaking is special to me because it has allowed me to travel the world at a young age. Traveling is extremely important for self-growth and awareness. It's about exploring and developing a healthy sense of wonder, getting yourself out your comfort zone and trying new things. Meeting people from all walks of life, I now have friends in Dubai but never actually traveled there. The b-boy culture created a universal dialogue which allows me to share my talent with the world.

Overall, what can the people of Philadelphia expect from the event?
With the implications of breaking being a part of the 2024 Paris Olympics, I personally would love to see parents bring their kids and hopefully we inspire a future U.S.A. gold medalist. Until we reach the Olympic level, Red Bull BC One is the closest you will get to see b-boys at the pro athlete level.

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Betting on the NBA playoffs seems like it should be pretty easy.

When two good teams are matched up with one another, you can typically expect "response games," particularly when that team is at home.

That betting generality has worked OK in these NBA playoffs. Houston responded to a Game 2 loss at Golden State with a victory at home in Game 3. The Sixers responded to a Game 1 loss with a Game 2 victory on the road.

But there have been plenty of outliers as well. Boston blew out Milwaukee in Game 1 on the road, lost a tight Game 2 on the road, and then got its doors blown off in Games 3 and 4 at home.

Line bets will always be the most popular with basketball, but a better wager may lie with props on individual players and with totals.

Dylan Elder, the CEO and founder of Monster Roster, has been finding that prop bets and total (over-under) bets are actually the way to go when it comes to betting on the NBA. Monster Roster features an algorithm that calculates which individual players might have a big game, and has routinely been hitting on players you might never think about betting on.

"In the Sixers–Raptors series, the algorithm picked up that James Ennis would have a big Game 2 and he went way over his total," Elder told MetroBet. "It's been very accurate on specific players and one trend we've also noticed is that Unders have been winning big in the playoffs. It makes sense. Players are trying harder on defense than they were in the regular season. They're forcing tougher shots."

NBA betting

As expected, the Warriors-versus-Rockets series has been a barn burner. DraftKings Sportsbook rolled out new odds on the series, now tied 2-2, on Tuesday.

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If Kyrie Irving is going to be a New York Knick next season, local bettors are hoping he'll leave the 2018-19 version of himself back in Boston.

After getting outclassed by Milwaukee again Monday night in a 113-101 home loss, the Celtics have cost backers in three straight games.

*Boston (+7.5) lost at Milwaukee, 123-102, missing the point spread by 13.5 points. Irving was 4 of 18 from the floor, including 1 of 5 on three-point attempts.

*Boston (-1.5) lost to Milwaukee, 123-116, missing the point spread by 8.5 points. Irving was 8 of 22 from the floor, including 2 of 8 on three-point attempts.

*Boston (-1) lost to Milwaukee, 113-101, missing the point spread by 13 points. Irving was 7 of 22 from the floor, including 1 of 7 on three-point attempts.

Not exactly rising to the occasion. And, Kyrie was supposed to be fresh after playing only 67 of 82 regular-season games. JEFF FOGLE, VSiN

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Best Bets

NHL, NBA Playoffs Wednesday

Avalanche at Sharks
Puckline: Avalanche +1.5 goals (-230), Sharks -1.5 goals (+190)
Betting Total: 5.5 goals (Over -125, Under +105)
The Sharks overcame three separate one-goal deficits in Game 6, but the Avalanche got the last laugh at the Pepsi Center, prevailing 4-3 in overtime on a goal from captain Gabriel Landeskog. The Sharks will play host at the SAP Center in the decisive Game 7 on Wednesday.

J.T. Compher, a third-line grinder for the Avs, provided an unexpected spark in Game 6, scoring twice and assisting on a third goal. That hardly seems sustainable. Nathan MacKinnon has been held pointless in two straight, so it seems like San Jose has figured him out.

If Game 7 holds true to the first six games of this semifinal series, it will be close and low-scoring. San Jose has outscored Colorado, 17-16, on aggregate. Advantage to the home team here based on regular-season records (25-16 straight up at home for the Sharks, 17-24 straight up on the road for the Avalanche).
The play: Sharks moneyline and Avalanche vs. Sharks Under Parlay

Rockets at Warriors
Moneyline: Rockets +205, Warriors -245
Betting Total: 218.5 points
Both clubs sputtered on offense in the fourth quarter of Game 4, allowing Houston to nurse a narrow lead all the way to the finish. Golden State tallied just 24 points in the final frame, five better than the Rockets, who missed 16 of their final 20 shots from the floor in a 112-108 decision. However, due to the breakneck pace these teams play at and the volume of shots they produce, the Over cashed for the third straight time in this series. All four games have been very close, with the Warriors' six-point victory in Game 2 being the largest in that span.
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Flyers get experience with Therrien, Yeo

The Flyers rounded out their coaching staff on Monday.

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Mike Yeo (left) and Michel Therrien (right) GETTY IMAGES

The Flyers continued to break the trend of bringing on younger, inexperienced talents to their bench crew when rounding out Alain Vigneault's new coaching staff.

After hiring Vigneault as head coach on Apr. 15 to replace interim boss Scott Gordon, the Flyers announced that they hired Michel Therrien and Mike Yeo as his assistants on Monday.

They will replace Kris Knoblauch and Rick Wilson.

"I am excited to add Michel and Mike on our coaching staff to work alongside Ian Laperriere, Kim Dillabaugh and Adam Patterson," Vigneault said in a press release from the Flyers. "Both men have enjoyed success at all levels throughout their coaching careers, including working together at the NHL level. Each brings a considerable amount of experience and knowledge to our group, which I have no doubt will help lead our team to immediate success."

Therrien, 58, spent 12 years as a head coach at the NHL level with the Montreal Canadiens and Pittsburgh Penguins. His two separates stints with Montreal included a pair of division titles in 2013 and 2015.

In Pittsburgh, he helped the Penguins make the Stanley Cup Final in 2008, which was the franchise's first appearance in the championship round since 1992.

Yeo spent the past four seasons with the St. Louis Blues where he spent parts of two years as head coach. A slow start to the 2018-19 season resulted in his dismissal from the position as former Flyers head coach Craig Berube stepped in and brought the Blues deep into the postseason.

The 45-year-old was also the head coach of the Minnesota Wild for five years.

It's that kind of experience that Flyers general manager Chuck Fletcher will be counting on to bring structure and accountability to a team that has lacked it.

Philadelphia is coming off its worst season since 2006-07 and has missed the playoffs four times in the past seven years. The Flyers had made the playoffs 16 times in 17 years between 1995-2012.

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Velasquez struggling to get on same page

Vince Velasquez (21) GETTY IMAGES

Vince Velasquez might have all the talent necessary to blossom into a legitimate top-end starter in Major League Baseball.

However, he might not have the mindset to do so.

At least, that's what he's been showing throughout the early portions of the 2019 season.

Through his first five appearances this year (four starts), Velasquez showed a similar kind of promise exhibited at times throughout his first three years in Philadelphia, posting a 1.99 ERA.

His last two starts have been a different story, posting a 9.39 ERA while pitching a combined 7.2 innings.

Monday night saw him tagged for five runs in four innings, including a seven-batter span that featured three home runs.

His relationship with JT Realmuto further fell into question as Velasquez did not adhere to the pitch-calling plan, constantly shaking off the catcher.

"It definitely affected the game," Realmuto said (h/t NBC Sports Philadelphia). "It's surprising. I don't really know, for some reason we couldn't get on the same page tonight. Obviously, it had an effect on the game. It's never good when a pitcher and catcher can't get on the same page. We've already discussed it. We talked about it right after the game. So hopefully we fixed it for next time."

Velasquez's stubbornness directly led up to Yadier Molina's fourth-inning, two-run home run, and two ensuing round-trippers in the fifth by Matt Carpenter and Paul DeJong. On two of the three occasions, he shook off Realmuto's desire for off-speed pitches and opted for his four-seam fastball.

"It's a little frustrating, of course," Realmuto continued. "Vinny has a ton of confidence in his fastball. That's one of the reasons he's so successful. It's a really good pitch. I'm sure he learned tonight that there are certain times where you need to go away from it and use something different. But you can't hate him for loving his fastball. He's just got to be a little bit more aware of about when to use it and when not to use it."

The 26-year-old Velasquez admitted to being in the wrong but doubled down on his ability to live by the fastball.

"I should do a better job trusting J.T. back there. He does a great job studying the guys and knowing what works," he said. "I'm a power pitcher. I do try to put away guys with fastballs. I just have to learn how to balance and use the other pitches to throw guys off."

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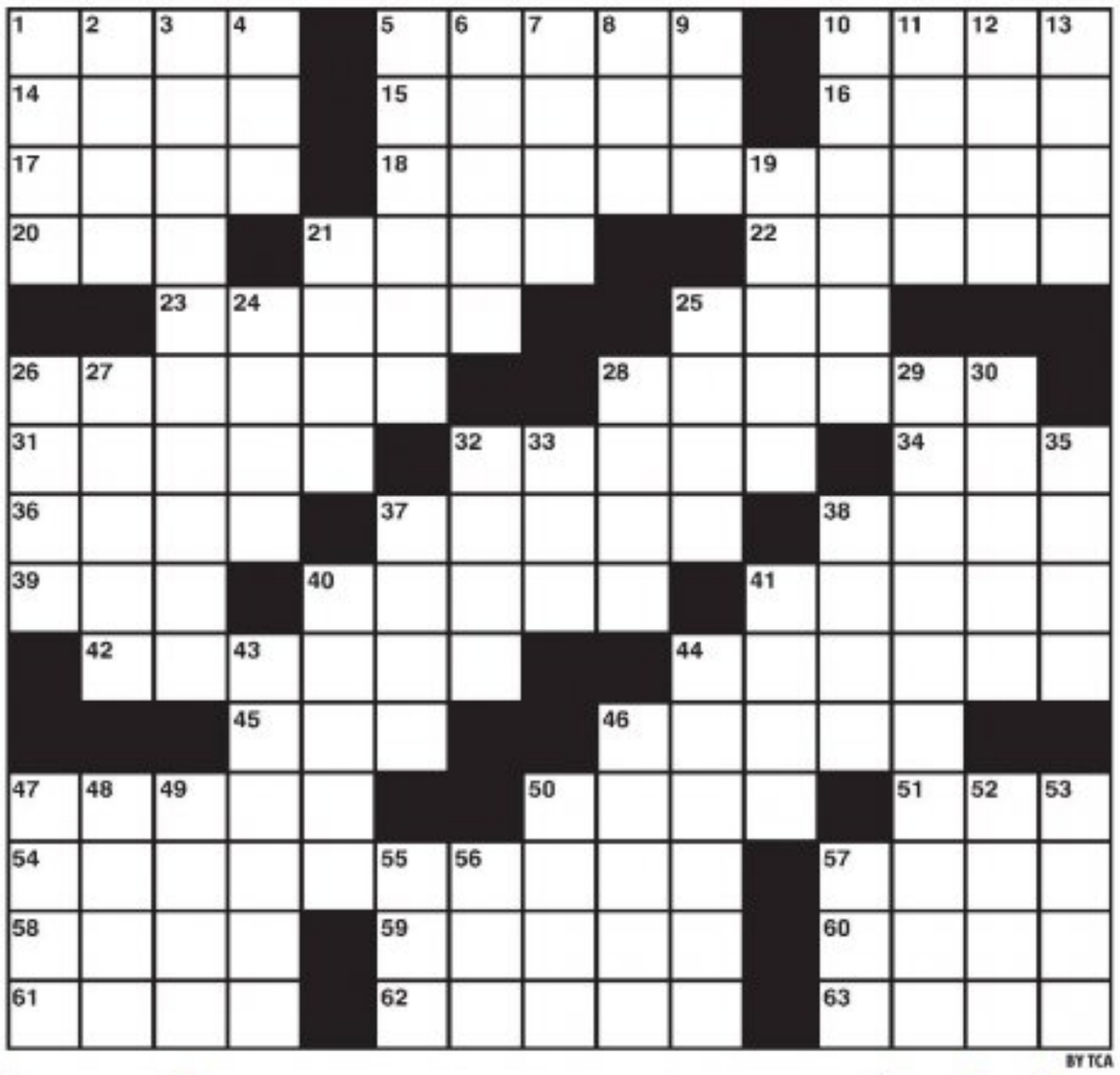

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ACROSS

1 Thrilled
5 Island nation near Sicily
10 "Get lost!"
14 Frontal __; part of the brain
15 Just right
16 Explorer Marco
17 Flows back
18 Writer's submission
20 And not
21 Cold sore sites
22 Wash off shampoo
23 Royal decree
25 Nickname for Margaret
26 Shanties
28 Rest period
31 Bring together
32 Place for rouge
34 Laundry soap
36 Beef or pork
37 Clip wool
38 Suffix for lament or laugh
39 Cauldron
40 Displeased look
41 Soviet labor camp
42 Guy
44 Walks leisurely
45 Cereal bit
46 Football kicks
47 Discarded remnant
50 On the __; increasing
51 Vitality
54 Downtown thoroughfare
57 Lion's cry
58 At __; instantly
59 Small weight
60 Israeli dance
61 Equipment
62 Word of welcome
63 "I __ Have Eyes for You"

DOWN

1 Singer Campbell
2 Gray wolf
3 Shorten
4 __ Moines
5 Copycats
6 Alter to make fit
7 Camera's eye
8 Plato's "T"
9 Capone & others
10 Bits of parsley
11 Quarter, for one
12 "Heidi" setting
13 Carry
19 Stream
21 Mrs. Herman Munster
24 Skillful
25 Wharf
26 Camel's feature
27 __ these days; eventually
28 Marine mammal
29 Recipe amount
30 Ease, as another's fears
32 Food, slangily
33 Chop down
35 Table supports
37 Aberdeen native
38 Vienna's nation: abbr.
40 Swats
41 Long __; absent for quite awhile
43 Car to use temporarily
44 Pass __; be accepted
46 Bit of a jigsaw puzzle
47 Air pollution
48 Candy __; Yuletide sweet
49 Costa __
50 Monthly expense
52 James __ Jones
53 Pastor's advice
55 __ the line; obey
56 __ into; meet unexpectedly
57 Fraternity letter

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